# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EARTH SCIENCES
# LOK SABHA

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EARTH DAY
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government has celebrated the Earth Day on 22nd April this year.

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The measures taken by the Government for protecting earth's atmosphere for various adverse impacts?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (Independent Charge)(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Earth Day was celebrated during April, 2014 for creative awareness among the public regarding issue related to Earth Sciences. The details is placed at Annexure-I

(c) Government has been implementing the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) with a view to enhance the ecological sustainability of India's development path and address climate change. NAPCC comprises, inter alia, of nine National Missions in specific areas of Solar Energy, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture, Bio-Energy and Strategic knowledge for Climate Change with the approved funding under sectoral outlays. Government is implementing the National Action Plan on Climate Change to support domestic actions for adaptation and mitigation.

The low carbon strategy for sustainable development is envisaged for implementation with a Climate Change Action Programme along with the creation of the National Adaptation Fund for implementation to build capacity and implementation support systems for relevant actions at the national and state level. Although, India's per capita carbon-dioxide emissions were 1.5 metric tonnes in 2007 as against 1.3 metric tonnes in 1994, Government of India is committed for achieving environmental sustainability, which is one of the Millennium Development Goals. Government has also announced a domestic mitigation goal of reducing emissions intensity of GDP by 20-25% by 2020 in comparison with 2005 level. The domestic mitigation goal and the objectives of the National Action Plan on Climate Change are part of the sustainable development strategy outlined in the Twelfth Five Year Plan.